

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

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Project Title

Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins for the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges into the Lower San Joaquin River

Project Proponent

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Project Description

The project consists of amendments to the Central Valley Water Board Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins. The purpose of these amendments is to control salt and boron discharges into the lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Dam to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis. These amendments are based upon information contained in a Central Valley Water Board staff report.

Findings of Exemption

An environmental checklist has been completed to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts for this project. The environmental analysis found significant impacts from the project that would cause degradation of the environment or cause adverse effects on human beings, wildlife resources and the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. Despite potential impacts, the Basin Plan amendments minimize the potential for adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife or the environment.

Certification

I hereby certify that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Environmental Checklist, written report, and hearing record the project will minimize the potential for individual or cumulative adverse effects on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

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31 July 2006

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region

Date